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FOT: PUNCTUM PLUG HAVING A COLLAPSIBLE FLARED SECTION AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

- [X] Eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawing(s).
- [X] An Assignment of the invention to <u>HERRICK FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP</u>, a California limited partnership
- [] A certified copy of a ______ application
- [] An associate Power of Attorney.
- [] A Verified Statement to establish Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27. (Independent Inventor)
- [X] This Application is a Continuation-in-Part of Serial No. 08/475,548 filed June 7, 1995.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10, enclosed herewith are the following documents for filing:

- (1) Covering Letter on FORM PTO-1082;
- (2) Patent Application comprising Specification Pages 1 through 51, Claims 1 through 32 and DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY CO-PENDING APPLICATION CONTAINING ADDITIONAL SUBJECT MATTER;

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- (3) Eight (8) sheets of formal drawings;
- (4) ASSIGNMENT and RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET;
- (5) CHECK for \$1,586 paying the filing fee of \$1,546 and Assignment fee of \$40; and
- (6) TWO (2) POSTCARDS, one for the United States Patent Application and one for the ASSIGNMENT.

We respectfully request a filing date of October 16, 1997, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

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